

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner noted on page 4 that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 6, which depended directly from claim 1. Claim 6 has been canceled. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims are now allowable. Claims 1-5 and 7 have also been amended to address the claim objections in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

By this paper, new claims 8-14 have been added. New claims 8-14 are similar to original claims 1-7 but include an additional claim element that provides "the slanted light guiding part forms only one side slope." Support for this claim element may be found on page 11, lines 6-7 of the Application and Figures 9(a) and 9(b). With respect to the rejection of claims 1-5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,190,365 to Cordy, Jr. (hereinafter "Cordy"), Applicants respectfully submit that the Cordy does not disclose, teach or suggest this claim element. Cordy only discloses "a flared, plastic filled section 23 in the light guide." Cordy, col. 5, lines 40-41; *see also* col. 5, line 52; col. 6, line 2; col. 6, line 22; claim 7; Figure 6; and Figure 7. Because Cordy does not disclose this claim element, Applicant submits that new claims 8-14 are also allowable.

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-5 and 7-14 is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Drawings

Figures 1, 2, and 3 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

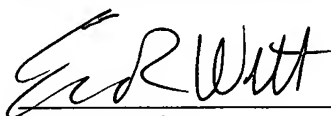
Claim Objections

Claims 1-7 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1, 2, and 3. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-3, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-4. Figures 1, 2, and 3 have been designated by the legend --Prior Art-- as suggested by the Examiner.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet